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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9175  
 INFO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: CANADIAN LETTER  
 - REQUESTING A SPECIAL SESSION

1. FOLLOWING IN PARA 3 IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER  
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 SENT BY THE CANADIAN MISSION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR  
 HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAY 9, FORMALLY REQUESTING A SPECIAL  
 SESSION OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION.

2. COMMENT: MISSION ANTICIPATES RECEIVING FROM THE  
 COMMISSION SECRETARIAT AT THE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER EARLY  
 TUESDAY MORNING THE FORMAL NOTIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR  
 U.S. GOVERNMENT POSITION. WE WILL RESPOND AS AND WHEN  
 INSTRUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. WE NOTE THAT THE CANADIAN  
 LETTER DOES NOT PRESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL  
 SESSION, BEYOND ECHOING THE HCHR'S DESIRE TO REPORT TO THE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
 REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
 DATE/CASE ID: 04 NOV 2011 201005065

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COMMISSION ON HIS MISSION TO RWANDA AND/AND BURUNDI. THIS MIGHT LEAVE OPEN THE DOOR TO CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION OF THE BURUNDI SITUATION AS WELL AS RWANDA, AN ISSUE WE KNOW TO BE ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S MIND.

END COMMENT

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3. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. HIGH COMMISSIONER,

- DURING YOUR MEETING ON MAY 5 WITH ANNE PARK AND THROUGH MY SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF, YOU HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA WELCOMES THE INITIATIVE YOU HAVE TAKEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO CONDUCT A MISSION TO RWANDA AND BURUNDI.

- CANADA ALSO BELIEVES THAT YOUR EXPRESSED HOPE OF REPORTING ON YOUR RETURN TO GENEVA TO A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS NATURAL AND

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COMMENDABLE. I AM THEREFORE PLEASED TO CONFIRM THAT, AS I CONVEYED ORALLY TO YOUR OFFICE ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND TO YOU ON SATURDAY MORNING, THE HONORABLE ANDRE OUELLET, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAS DIRECTED CANADIAN OFFICIALS TO CALL FORMALLY ON THE COMMISSION TO HOLD SUCH A SESSION. WE HEREBY REQUEST THAT YOUR OFFICIALS TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO SECURE AGREEMENT OF STATES MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION TO THIS PROPOSAL..

- PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR UN ACTION IN RWANDA OF COURSE REMAINS WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL, AND CANADA HAS INDICATED ITS SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANDED EFFORT BY THE COUNCIL. CANADA SUPPORTS YOUR INITIATIVE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PREVENT FURTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS MUST BE A CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE OVERALL UN RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY IN RWANDA. YOUR MISSION AND THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMMISSION SHOULD HELP ENSURE THIS IS ACHIEVED.

- CANADA IS COMMITTED TO WORKING TO THIS END WITH YOU AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN GROUP. WE HAVE BEGUN TO CONSULT WITH CONCERNED PARTIES AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR OBSERVATIONS FROM YOUR MISSION. CANADIAN

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REPRESENTATIVES ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL TO PROVIDE ANY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO YOU AS YOU PURSUE THIS MOST IMPORTANT CHALLENGE.

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YOURS SINCERELY,

PAUL DUBOIS  
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- ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE  
END TEXT. SPIEGEL

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